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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO - COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 12 (C-OB 84/7)

1. GS SALARY INCREASE (CWP'S 6143 AND 6131). LONG DISCUSSION POINTED OUT NO RPT NO OPPOSITION AND MUCH SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDED INTERIM INCREASES. CANADIAN REP CHAIRS WORKING GROUP CONDITIONS SERVICE AND FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF WORKING PAPER (6143) HE MADE FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR ADOPTION. THIS WAS FORMALLY SUPPORTED BY NIGERIA AND AUSTRALIA, ALTHOUGH NIGERIA MADE A NOT-SO-SUBTLE REFERENCE TO THE "CLOSENESS" BETWEEN WORKING GROUP AND SECRE-TARIAT WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN UP BY CANADA WITH SLIGHT SENSE OF OUTRAGE. FYI: WE MAY HEAR MORE OF THIS KIND OF PROBLEM. END FYI.

2. USREP HAVE STATEMENT PER INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 055178 WHICH LED TO SUBSEQUENT CONFIRMATION BY PRES AND SEC GEN THAT THIS INTERIM SALARY INCREASE WILL BE ADJUSTED BASED ON WHATEVER NEW SCALE RESULTS FROM COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY INCLUDING ANY DECREASES. PRES/COUNCIL WAS WILLING TO ENTERTAIN PRIORITY MOTION FROM US TO DEFER DECISION ON PAPER BUT IN VIEW OF NO INDICATION OF SUPPORT, USREP DID NOT PURSUE. VOTE WAS 16 FOR, NONE UNCLASSIFIED

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AGAINST WITH 5 RECORDED ABSTENTIONS (US, USSR, 5 AND 5, EGYPT,

CZECHO). FYI: INCREASING STRONG SUPPORT IN COUNCIL FOR ICAO
SALARY AND COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES STEMS FROM INCREASING AWARE-
NESS BY COUNCIL OF EXHORBITANT COSTS IN MONTREAL. USREP MUST
TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT ONCE AGAIN THAT USG REFUSAL TO
RECOGNIZE THIS SITUATION MAKES US OPPOSITION IN COUNCIL
AGAINST C-O-L AND SALARY INCREASES MORE AND MORE ISOLATED
(ESPECIALLY WHEN POSITIONS RECEIVED ONLY TWO HOURS AHEAD OF
MEETING) AND FOR SAME REASONS CONTINUES TO MAKE FINANCIAL
POSITION OF MISSION REP MORE AND MORE UNREALISTIC (BOTH
FROM STANDPOINT OF SALARY CEILING AND ONE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN
INCREASED IN 30 YEARS OF MISSION'S HISTORY AND REPRESENTATION
WHICH WAS INCREASED ONCE (1971.). END FYI.
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